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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Response to Office Action is responsive to the May 28, 2008, Office Action, which has a statutorily shortened period for response that ends August 28, 2008. A petition for a one month extension, giving Applicants until September 28, 2008, to respond, is submitted herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized by the undersigned to debit Deposit Account 50-2263 for any underpayment or any additional necessary fees. Please enter the following amendments before taking action on the merits of the above-referenced application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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